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SUBJECT: MFA DIRECTOR ON PAK/BLOC RELATIONS

REF: PRAGUE 0277 (NOTAL), BERLIN 5108 (NOTAL),

1. EMBOFF FEBRUARY 11 MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR (USSR AND EAST EUROPE) RIAZ KHOKHAR FOR DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND COMMUNIST BLOC NATIONS. IN COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON OF SUBJECT, KHBWHAR SAID THE FOLLOWING:

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: PAK EDUCATION MINISTER ABDUL HAFIZ PRIZADA'S LATE JANUARY VISIT TO HRSTE (PRAGUE 0277) HAD BEEN PENDING FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. GOP WASN'T PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AGAINWBMV#

ASKED PIRZADA TO STOP OVER ON HIS WAY TO THE UK ON WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A PLEASURE TRIP. PAKS NEARLY SCRUBBED TRIP AS THEY WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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DISPLEASED WITH LANGUAGE OF COMMUNIQUE GROWING OUT OF

CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK'S DECEMBER VISIT TO KABUL WHICH COMBINED FAVORABLE MENTION OF ASIA COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME WITH STATEMENT ON RIGHT OF SELF-

DETERMINATION (READ FOR PEOPLE OF "PAKHTOONISTAN"). INSTEAD OF CANCELING VISIT, GOP DECIDED TO USE THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS THEIR DISPLEASURE. THE CZECH RESPONSE WAS TO EXPLAIN THAT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE AFGHANS WERE GETTING AT WHEN THEY INSERTED ITEM ON SELF-DETERMINATION. REGARDING THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME, THE CZECHS DIDN'T RAISE THE ISSUE WITH PIRZADA. INITIAL CZECH DRAFT OF PAK-CZECH CULTURAL ACCORD INCLUDED SOME 40 ARTICLES. PAKS, WHO LIKE TO KEEP BLOC COUNTRIES AT ARM'S LENGTH, CUT THIS DOWN TO 15. UNDER AGREEMENT, DETAILS OF EACH YEAR'S CULTURAL PROGRAMS HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, INCLUDING THOSE FOR THE FIRST YEAR. THE CZECHS' DETAILED INITIAL DRAFT WAS IN KEEPING WITH THOSE WHICH BLOC COUNTRIES REGULARLY PRESENT TO PAKS; FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS' FIRST DRAFT INCLUDED SOME 70 ARTICLES WHICH GOP CUT DOWN TO ABOUT 25. THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR ANY HIGH LEVEL CZECH DELEGATION, SUCH AS FOREIGN MINISTER (PRAGUE 0277, PARA 4), TO VISIT PAKISTAN. PRAGUE IS PUSHING TO HAVE MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED VISIT THERE, BUT PAKS ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC.

3. HUNGARY: BUDAPEST, WHERE PIRZADA ALSO STOPPED OVER, IS PRESSURING ISLAMABAD TO APPOINT A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. THE GOP NOW HAS A TRADE MISSION THERE, WITH AMBASSADOR STATIONED IN VIENNA.

4. WARSAW PACT: GOP IS TROUBLED BY THE APPARENT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WARSAW PACT INFLUENCE IN SOUTH ASIA. SPECIFICALLY, THEY POINT TO THE SEVERAL RECENT VISITS OF HIGH LEVEL EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS TO INDIA, AND WHAT THEY SEE AS INCREASED MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN DELHI AND PACT COUNTRIES. PACT COUNTRIES WANT TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH ISLAMABAD. WHEN PACT COUNTRIES OFFER AID OR CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, PAKS SUSPECT THEY ARE ONLY TRYING TO FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS

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OF BALUCHISTAN AND NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE AND OFTEN TURN DOWN PROPOSALS. OFTEN THOUGH, A PROPOSAL FLOATED BY, SAY EAST BERLIN, WILL QUICKLY REAPPEAR IN SIMILAR FORM FROM SOFIA.

5. GDR: GOP LAST WEEK SIGNED A \$10 MILLION COMMERCIAL CREDIT WITH THE GDR (BERLIN 5108). IT HAD NO MILITARY IMPLICATIONS.

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